



As 2011 winds down, we at Techny Land Corporation reflect on a year of transitions and look forward to additional progress in 2012.

A new management firm took the reins at Willow Festival, the leadership of Techny Land Corporation changed and we bid farewell to our friend and colleague Father Frank Kamp who had been such an integral part of Techny's property development.

But before we close the books on 2011, we celebrate the Holidays that allow us to reflect on those things that mean most to us: friends, family and faith. We express our thanks for those blessings we have received and we seek to share those blessings with our loved ones and those who have been less fortunate than us.

For the Society of the Divine Word, the sentiments of the Holidays are a year-round commitment. The priests and brothers of the Society work across the globe to serve those most in need. And whether it is teaching children in central Africa, providing health care in the Far East or ministering to underserved communities right here in Chicago, our work leads back here to Techny.

And while we hope that our neighbors will patronize our many retail tenants in preparation for the Holidays, it is important to recall that the success of Techny Land Corporation is a vital component of the Society's ability to serve others worldwide.

May the Holidays bring peace, joy and renewal to all and may this time serve as a reminder to share our blessings with all our brothers and sisters.

Brother Mat, SVD



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NEWSLETTER

REMEMBERING FATHER FRANK KAMP



A short road cuts through the Techny property from Waukegan Road to Founders Drive, between the Northbrook Greens and Meadow Ridge residential developments. It is measured in feet, rather than miles, and it seems almost an afterthought among the carefully laid out elements of the plan for the Society's land use.

But while it is not a flashy or attention-grabbing component of the development, it serves an important purpose, and it is more than fitting that this road is named for Father Frank Kamp.

Father Kamp passed away on August 27 at the age of 91.

At a recent memorial for Father Kamp at Techny Towers, friends and colleagues gathered to share heartwarming stories of his life—how he lived out his calling in ways large and small. His devotion to the Society led him to labor tirelessly to help conceive and implement the Techny land use plan as a way to provide long-term support to the Divine Word missions. His eternal good cheer and compassion allowed him to touch countless lives as a priest, whether it was serving as chaplain at a local hospice or just lending an ear to a friend in need.

And while Father Kamp never had the chance to serve overseas, he arguably did more than most to ensure the Society's enduring ability to minister to those in need in every corner of the world.

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FATHER KAMP (CONTINUED)

Everyone who worked with Father Kamp experienced his infectious good cheer, his optimism and his sincere concern for others. But when we look out across the Techny lands, we see a vision that reflects those qualities. The work of Techny Land Corporation shows that concern for our community and the desire to make life better. We see buildings and landscaping that are meant to be pleasing, rather than simply utilitarian, and we see a true commitment to caring for the land rather than simply using it.

Father Kamp spent three decades of his life, at a time when most people are comfortably retired, pursuing the vision that has become Techny Land Corporation. And while he will be greatly missed, his legacy surrounds us each day.



PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT: LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

Willow Festival & Willow Festival Annex

Time is running out to plan your office Holiday parties or celebrations with friends and family. Fortunately, there is no need to look any further than Willow Festival and Willow Festival Annex. Contact Pinstripes, Buffalo Wild Wings, Zapatista and Roti Mediterranean Grill and ask about their private party options so you and your colleagues, friends and family can celebrate the season in a variety of ways and with outstanding food, beverage and recreational options.



Regency Centers brings new management to Willow Festival

Earlier this year, Hamilton Partners, the developer of several Techny properties, sold its interest in its largest project here, Willow Festival, to Florida-based Regency Centers (www.regencycenters.com). Techny Land Corporation is grateful for the great work Hamilton Partners invested in making Willow Festival one of the premier retail settings in the Chicago area.

Regency, which manages 367 shopping centers nationwide, brings unmatched expertise in the operation of grocery-store anchored retail developments. The company places a high priority on ethical standards of operation, environmental awareness and innovative marketing and management. We are excited about this new partnership for Techny Land Corporation and our retail tenants.



Don't forget Pinstripes when you are planning your holiday party. They have great food, bowling, bocce and more. Have Pinstripes cater your event or office party and receive a \$25 coupon for orders of \$150 or more.

SOCIETY'S WORK TAKES TO THE HIGH SEAS

While maritime voyages today are a far cry from those of explorers' centuries ago, they still set people apart, separated by the vastness of the world's oceans. For the merchant seamen who sail the globe transporting goods and materials tens of thousands of miles, life is marked by long separations from loved ones and a disconnect from their communities and native cultures.

Almost thirty years ago, Pope John Paul II recognized these challenges, telling sailors, "The seafaring world has become a missionary world. The whole Church is one with you in solicitude and prayer."

And where there is missionary work to be done, you can be sure to find the Society of the Divine Word. Father Valanarasu Arockiasamy, SVD is a chaplain with Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea, ministering to sailors out of the bustling port of Hong Kong.

There are more than a million and a half merchant seafarers working across the globe. On journeys that can last over a year, many find themselves isolated and face depression, physical hardship and even exploitation.

Father Arockiasamy visits the huge cargo ships when they put in to port or are anchored in the harbor, often taking a tug boat and scaling several stories high up the side of a vessel. "The first time I climbed up the side of a ship I was not inspired, I was terrified," he says.

He leads ecumenical services and says Mass, he brings newspapers and magazines in different languages, as well as discounted phone cards. Many crews are eager for his blessing before they set sail and many are just looking for a sympathetic ear after weeks working long hours at strenuous labor.

Beyond helping sailors with spiritual needs, he often helps them with problems like unpaid wages, safety concerns or allegations of mistreatment.

"When I was a seminarian I saw pictures of missionaries traveling to remote outstations in the bush," says Fr. Arockiasamy. "Little did I know that one day I would be climbing a rope ladder onto a ship being buffeted by high waves."

Story and photos courtesy of Brother Dennis Newton SVD



Valanarasu Arockiasamy, SVD



Techny Gift Shop perfect for holiday needs



Is the family nativity scene missing a shepherd? Has the angel atop your tree seen better days? The Society of the Divine Word Gift Shop on Waukegan Road is the perfect stop for unique holiday items. The shop features an extensive supply of cards and ornamental crafts from around the world that can become part of your family's holiday tradition.

FATHER JOHN HARPEL, SVD: MISSIONARY, EDUCATOR, MODERNIZER

During the 20th century, West Africa experienced the end of colonialism and enormous social and technological changes. The region also saw an explosive growth of the Catholic Church, thanks in large part to the missionary work of members of the Society of the Divine Word and other religious orders.

Growing up in small town Minnesota, John Harpel started tinkering with engines after his father started a car dealership. He never contemplated life halfway across the world. But when he decided to study for the priesthood, a cousin who was a Divine Word priest led him to Techny, where he was ordained in 1944.



Father Harpel in Ghana

Father Harpel soon found himself on a freighter departing from New Orleans for the two-month journey to Ghana, armed with little more than the devotion to service instilled in him by his training at Techny. Arriving in the small village of Kwahu Tafo in 1948 was like passing through a time warp. The most immediate challenge was the indigenous population's lack of educational opportunities. "We built schools like crazy," says Harpel. Starting under the shade of a mango tree, Fr. Harpel built his first school, eventually featuring mud walls and a tin roof.

Knowing Fr. Harpel's knack for mechanics, the local bishop soon asked him to start a technical school. Lacking any training in education, he was sent for two years of training in England, going from a remote village to study at the palatial former estate of famed writer Horace Walpole.

Upon his return to Ghana, Fr. Harpel founded St. Paul's Technical School in the village of Kukurantumi. He raised money to bring in modern hand tools to help teach rudimentary building skills to local residents. Over the next fifteen years, the school grew to an enrollment of 350 students and continues to train craftsmen today.

During his time in Ghana, Fr. Harpel also witnessed the end of colonial rule.

The week he arrived in Ghana, the American consul assured him of the stability of the country under British rule. Within the week, soldiers had mutinied and riots erupted after an English officer fired on the rebelling troops.

While the British sought a transition to self-rule, the country was soon under the control of strongman Kwame Nkrumah, a Catholic who had been educated by priests and at American universities but had a strained relationship with the missionaries who worked in Ghana.

In spite of the difficult transition to independence, Ghana continued to modernize and the Church continued to grow. Fr. Harpel was assigned to serve as pastor of a parish in Kaneshie outside the capital of Accra. There, he ministered to a diverse congregation that included influential government officials, Western aid workers and a growing number of converts.

When Fr. Harpel arrived in Ghana, a few dozen priests served the country. Today, than one thousand priests serve in 18 dioceses and three members of the Society of the Divine Word serve as bishops.

TECHNY LAND CORPORATION MISSION STATEMENT

Techny Land Corporation furthers the mission of the Church in general and the work of the Society of the Divine Word in particular. Through the leasing and management of the Techny land, we support more than 6,000 Divine Word Missionaries worldwide.



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